Telework & Alternate Work Schedules

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Telework Background

- Passed HJR 144 (2006) on Telework
- Created Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance
- Moderated COVITS Conference Breakout Session on Telework for Continuity of Operations
- Partnered with IBM for a Study of Telework in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Conducted Agency Telecommuting Survey
- Collaborated with DHRM, DRPT, JCOTS, VITA on telework efforts
- Modernized HR Policy 1.61 Telecommuting
- Reviewed and amended Code of Virginia §§ 2.2-203.1, 2.2-203.2, 2.2-2817.1 as needed

Telework Survey 2006 Survey Results

Top Ten Benefits

- Savings in gas, car and commuter costs
- Increased employee satisfaction
- 3. Flexibility of schedule and work time
- Increased job satisfaction and morale
- Organizational flexibility
- Increased productivity with quieter environment
- 7. Reduced stress from commuting
- Improved work/life balance
- Continuity of operations
- 10. Reduced travel and geographic barriers

Top Ten Barriers

- Diminished access to work resources
- Culture change
- Security of information
- 4. Management readiness
- Lack of management training
- 5. Isolation of employees
- Difficulties of monitoring performance
- Perception that employees not working
- Cost of IT equipment and support
- Difficulties in building relationships

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Telework Survey

Employee Costs

- 41% of state agencies pay telework costs for employees
 - 56% pay for all employees
 - 13% pay for some employees
 - 30% share costs with employees
- 59% of state agencies do not pay telework costs for employees

Telework Survey

Supplies and Equipment

- Most frequently covered costs
 - 75% computer equipment
 - 70% internet access
 - 58% cell phones
 - 58% office supplies
 - 50% routers or modems
 - 37% phone lines
 - 37% fax machines

Telework Survey Productivity Measures

- 80% output work product
- 78% meeting goals and objectives
- 73% meeting timelines for projects
- 33% other
- 7% computer usage

Telework Survey

Continuity of Operations

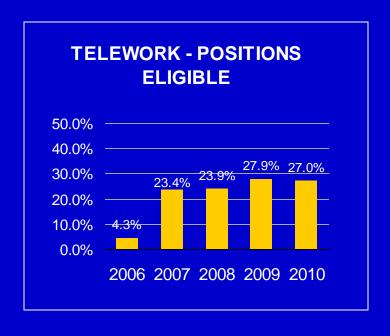
- 70% of state agencies currently use telecommuting for COOP plans
- 18% of state agencies are updating COOP plans to include telecommuting
- Ranked 9th in list of benefits realized from telework

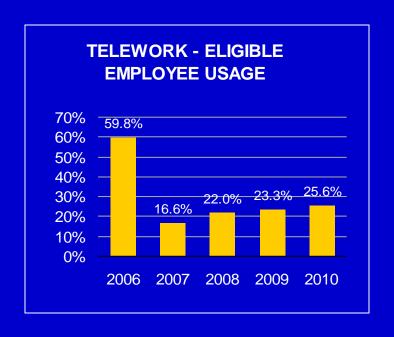
Employee Transportation Incentives

- Commuter Choice
- Vanpools
- Ride Finders

Telework Statistics

- Must telework at least one day per week since 2008
- Exceeded the statutory goal of not less than 20% of eligible workforce telecommuting by January 1, 2010





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Alternate Work Schedules

Hours of Work

- Normal work hours per week
 - Full-Time 40 hours
 - Q-Status 32 to 39.9 hours
 - Part-Time 20 to 31.9 hours
- Regular office hours 8:15 am to 5:00 pm
- Alternate work schedules available
 - Reduce commute time and ease traffic congestion
 - Meet business needs
 - Improve customer service
 - Mitigate overtime
 - Provide work/life balance for employees
 - Can be temporary or permanent

Alternate Work Schedules Flexibility in Scheduling

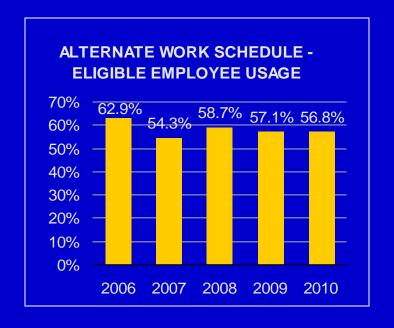
EXAMPLES OF FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES								
		SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Α	Regular		8 hours	8 hours	8 hours	8 hours	8 hours	
В	4,10-hr days		10 hours	10 hours	10 hours	10 hours		
С	4, 9-hr days + 1, 4-hr day		9 hours	9 hours	9 hours	9 hours	4 hours	
D	8, 9-hr days + 1, 8-hr day		9 hours	9 hours	9 hours	9 hours	9 hours	
	i, o iii day		9 hours	9 hours	9 hours	8 hours		
E	2, 9.5-hr days + 3, 7-hr days		9 1/2 hours	9 1/2 hours	7 hours	7 hours	7 hours	
F	3, 12-hr days	12 hours					12 hours	12 hours
G	28-day	12 hours	12 hours	12 hours				12 hours
		12 hours	12 hours	12 hours				
		12 hours	12 hours	12 hours				12 hours
		12 hours	12 hours	4 hours				
Н	Flexible		8 hours	6 hours	12 hours	8 hours	6 hours	

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Alternate Work Schedules Statistics

 Exceeded the statutory goal of not less than 25% of eligible workforce participating in alternate work schedules by July 1, 2009





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Questions?